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LATENESS REGULATIONS MODIFIED

by Andrew Cole

At the beginning of the school year the administration announced that a new system will be used regarding lateness. The new rule states, "Students are expected to be on time for their first period. Those who do not arrive promptly are to go to the attendance office for a late slip before going to that class."

If a student is late for a class other than first period, the teacher of the class is to deal with the student. When Bro. Arnold was asked how he felt about the new system, he immediately said, "I love it." Why? Because it gives him more time to do other work rather than hand out late passes.

Bro. Arnold isn't the only person in favor of the new system. When asked about it most students said they preferred the new system, only because fewer demerits would be assigned.

Teachers were asked how they would deal with students habitually late; most replied that they would refer them to the deans. Others said they would subtract points from the final grades of these students; some teachers would just give out demerits.

CAMPANARO NEW ACTIVITIES MODERATOR

by Pat Miller

At the beginning of this school year, our Principal, Brother Michel, asked Mr. Joseph Campanaro, Chairman of the History Department, to leave his post as Moderator of **Pagoda** and take the job of Director of Student Activities. This position was recently vacated by Brother Shane Burke, the first person ever to hold the title.

Mr. Campanaro's new job consists mostly of organizing new clubs and events held here at Ford, e.g., flag day

ceremonies, a muscular dystrophy 24-hour dance-a-thon, etc., all of which are still in the planning stages.

Mr. Campanaro will miss **Pagoda**, our year book, but he is content in his new office. He has happy memories, having met many new people through **Pagoda**; he hopes his new position will be equally satisfying.

As a final note, Mr. Campanaro wishes Mr. Joseph Anelli, the new **Pagoda** Moderator, much enjoyment in his new job.

MUSIC COURSES HIT FLAT NOTE; GLEE CLUB SINGS OUT



Members of Ford's New Glee Club with Director, Mr. Mushalla.

by Carolyn Palmer

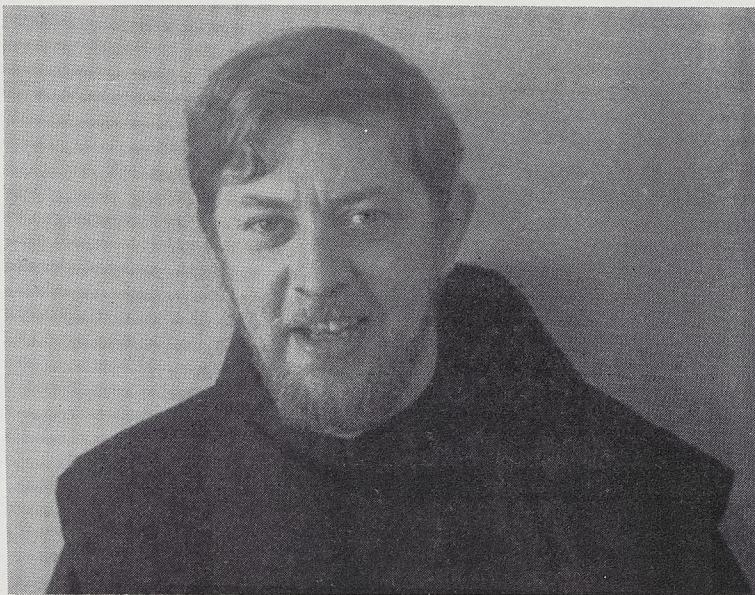
For the past two years music has been required of all freshmen. It was a one-credit course in which students met twice a week to study music theory and history.

This year all music classes have been canceled. The reason, according to Sr. Geraldine, is that it does not

fit into the students' heavy schedules. Sister feels that the Glee Club, which has replaced the music program, will benefit the students far more.

This newly-formed Glee Club is optional and anyone who joins will receive academic credit. The club, moderated by former music teacher Mr. Michael Mushalla, meets two afternoons a week.

BROTHER MICHEL BETTIGOLE DISPLAYS HIS NEW STYLE



Brother Michel Bettigole, O.S.F.

by Amy Mattison

With the departure of Brother Alphonsus Maher, O.S.F. at the end of the last academic year, the Board of Trustees of Bishop Ford undertook an intensive search for a new principal. Their choice fell on Brother Michel Bettigole, O.S.F. a Queens-born educator whose last assignment was St. Anthony's High School in Smithtown, Long Island. Brother has also worked at St. Anthony of Padua, Our Lady of Angels, St. Francis Prep. and here at Ford, where, during eight years, he was for a time chairman of the History Department.

Why did Brother agree to return to Ford after a six-year absence? Because "I love Brooklyn" he said, emphasizing that he is very happy to be back. Has Brother noticed any significant changes at Ford in that time? "Well, the school is co-ed now, which makes a big difference, and the students seem much friendlier. There was a lot of tension in education when I was here (1966-1973); the students are much nicer now."

There can't be anyone here who hasn't seen Brother Michel roaming the halls and talking to students and faculty members about any and all subjects. "That way I get to meet students and see how things are going," Brother suggested. "I like to bounce ideas off them to see how they feel."

Brother has a wide variety of interests, ranging from reading and gourmet cooking to ballet and opera. He also enjoys sports and would like to see Ford start a rugby team, though he admits it's difficult to find a rugby coach in Brooklyn. He hopes, eventually, to obtain better weightlifting equipment for the gym.

Naturally, when a new principal is appointed to a school, students and faculty wonder what changes to expect. One thing Brother hopes to accomplish is a heightening of school spirit, largely through instituting many new activities and clubs; two such activities will be a glee club and a dance club.

Brother Michel is an out-going, humorous man who seems willing to change policies to help both students and faculty members. He is a man full of fresh ideas, and Ford could certainly profit from a few.

FORD HONOR SOCIETIES INDUCT 44 NEW MEMBERS

by Mary Ann Svec

This is the third year that the Bishop Ford Chapter of the National Honor Society has been in existence, and on October 19 both the N.H.S. and the National Business Honor Society had their combined induction ceremony. In addition to the induction ceremony, there was also a special recognition for students who made the principal's list or first honors last year.

Students must declare themselves eligible for membership in either society. After this is done, the candidate must demonstrate that he or she has leadership qualities, scholastic ability (85% average or above), has given service to Ford through activities and clubs, and has shown fine character (school spirit, reliability, etc.).

The officers of the N.H.S. are President Greg Liguori, Vice President Vanessa Parkinson, Secretary Faye Purpura and Treasurer Mary Ann Cassara.

As Mr. Kenneth Tom, Moderator of N.H.S., commented: "I'm really happy to work with some of the most energetic and reliable students in the school."

The N.H.S. sponsors many activities at Ford. Every year the club has a scholarship fund dance; last year it was the successful Fifties Dance. They also sponsor the annual blood drive, and members tutor fellow students who need help academically. President Greg Liguori said that "The N.H.S. will be involved in more activities this year than in any other year before."

The following students have been accepted as probationary members of the National Business Honor Society. They were inducted in a ceremony which took place on Sunday, October 19, 1980:

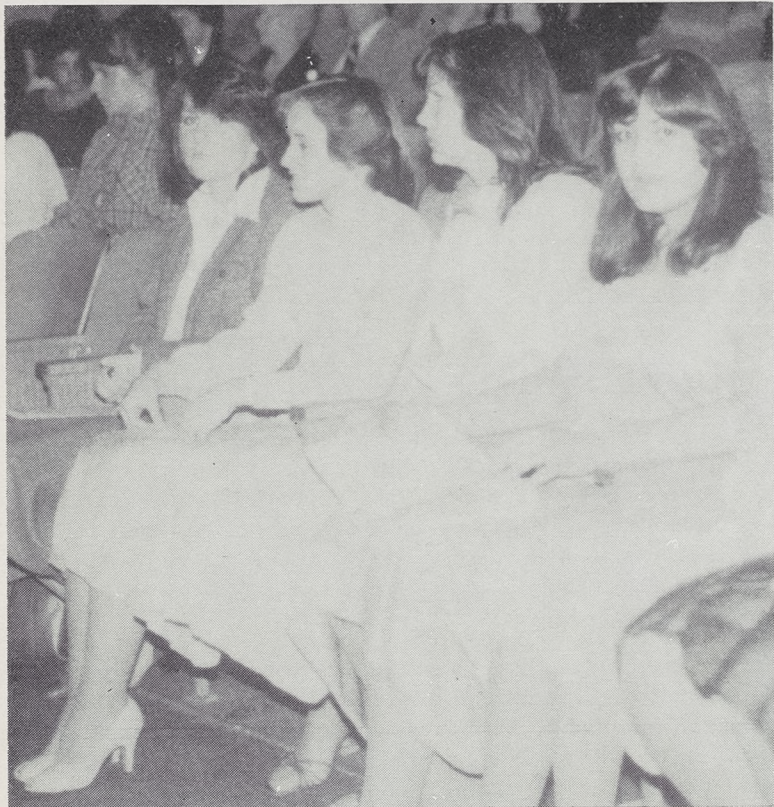
Jackie Barbara, Anne Callery, Annette Colassono, Casey McKenzie, Diane Mineo, Patricia Alcott, Lena DiVagno,

Louise Pizza, Michelle Rugiero and Rosalia Tutrone.

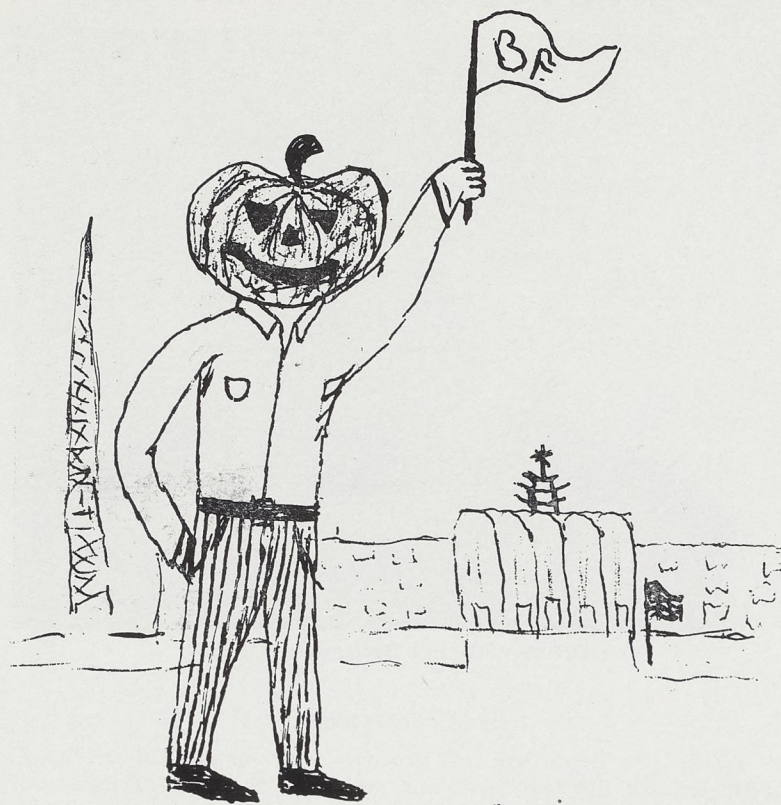
The following students have been accepted as probationary members of the Ford chapter of the National Honor Society. They, too, were inducted in the ceremony on October 19.

Jean Leslie Allen, Mario Altilio, Anthony Angilletta, Dawn Bahnsen, Pascale Bastien, John Celona, Peter Cole, Regina Corrigan, Angela Diorio, Ann Marie Ditizio, Michelle Donato, Mary Dopman, Deborah Durante, Mark El-Khoury, Raudline Etienne, Kay Evans, Sharon Healy, William Kelly, Donna Kenna, Joyce Kuhne, Carolyn Leaver, Eileen Maher, Giulio Manini, Maureen McLoughlin, Joseph Micara, Ingrid Mihailovich, Eva Orlowska, Angelo Piccirillo, Catherine Schloeman, James Shammas, Mary Ann Svec, James Tully, Kim Visardis and Andrea Zatorski.

Members of Ford's honor societies must maintain their high standards in order to retain membership.



National Honor Society and National Business Honor Society Induction Ceremony.



POLL INDICATES REAGAN TO REIGN

by Edward Smith

If the presidential election were to be held today, whom would you vote for? This is a question frequently asked American voters during the last few months of every election year.

Highpoint conducted its own presidential preference poll among both the faculty and student body. The results of the faculty vote were: 11 votes or 22% for incumbent President Carter; Ronald Reagan, the Republican challenger, received 21 votes or 41%; independent candidate John Anderson received 17 votes or 33%. The student results were as follows: 354 votes went to President Carter, giving him 26% of the votes; independent candidate John Anderson received 172 votes or 12%; Republican party candidate Ronald Reagan won the race with 657 votes or 47%.

Combining both faculty and student returns, Carter received 365 votes or 26%, Anderson came in second with

189 votes or 14%, and Ronald Reagan won with 678 votes or 48%.

The remaining 12% who voted cast their ballots for either one of the write-in candidates, Edward Clark of the Libertarian Party, or the Citizens Party candidate, Barry Commoner.

Also included in the returns were Senator Ted Kennedy, Bess Myerson, and former President Richard Nixon.

It is easy to understand why fifty-five people refrained from voting for any of the candidates. Carter, Reagan, and Anderson don't offer much of a choice. And the many alternatives get little or no press coverage.

All of this makes obvious the need for reform in both the political process and among the media. Voter apathy is going to continue if changes don't occur. This simple high school poll is an obvious indication of this truth. And on this serious note let me type this last **WORD.**

WHITE HOUSE BOUND?



INQUIRING REPORTER: DRAFT REGISTRATION

by John Settimo

How do you feel about the Draft Registration?

Robert Marese: "I feel it's worthwhile because it will allow the government to develop a system which will provide mobility in case of a national emergency."

Chris Greaney: "I feel it's good because right now there's no nationalistic spirit."

Dennis Brown: "I feel that draft registration should be done voluntarily."

Anthony Barberio: "I think that the draft registration should be for people who are not in college."

Judy Stachow: "I feel it should be voluntary because there are some people who are not capable of being in the armed forces."

Student Council

HALLOWEEN DANCE

October 31
8 P.M. - Midnight

Cafeteria

TOO LITTLE TOO LATE

The senior girls have been granted the so-called privilege of a dress code which is on a par with the code the senior boys have enjoyed for years. The administration has made a positive change by accepting this proposal of the student council.

However, this change is misleading. Wearing the style and color clothing that appeals to one's own taste should not be considered a privilege; it should be a basic right. Which only means that for the past three years the senior girls have been denied that right.

One of the administration and student council's primary aims is to promote unity among the student body.

However, this time they have defeated their purpose; the new rule has only made more blatant the discrimination against the underclass girls. At a time when women have made so much progress toward achieving equal rights with men, it is terribly out of place for the administration to deny underclass girls the rights underclass boys enjoy.

If such rules are to be changed, the change should benefit everyone.

**Mothers' Club
& Alumni Mothers'
Memorial Mass
November 19
— in —
Ford Chapel
8 P.M.**

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SENIORS SUPERLATIVE

This year's seniors are the first to graduate with girls who have attended school here for four years. Because of this we feel this year's graduating class is the best we have ever seen. The seniors this year have received fewer demerits than any other class before them to date. The reason this has occurred is because the present seniors have been more cooperative.

Because they have adhered to the rules of the administration, they have received more from them. For instance, this year's student council, run primarily by seniors, along with the senior class council, has received their own office because it was available and the administration felt them worthy of it. This office will not be granted to future councils unless they earn the right to it.

This year's seniors have also been granted some of the privileges past senior classes have had, which is surprising when you recall how some were abused in the past; this can be attributed to the faith the administration has in the seniors this year. These include a ski trip, a dude ranch trip and a Great Adventure trip. The senior girls have been allowed to wear any skirt or dress they choose. The proposal of a twenty-four-hour dance marathon sponsored by the student council and the National Honor Society was accepted by the administration, something we feel no other senior class would have been allowed.

Flea Market

Saturday & Sunday
December 13-14
9 A.M. — 6 P.M.

Cafeteria

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Muscular Dystrophy

24-HR. Dance-a-thon
December 19 & 20
Cafeteria

SUCCESS THY NAME IS WOMAN

When the Ford administration decided to enroll girls into the Bishop Ford community, they truly made a wise decision because since that time Ford has never been the same. For one thing, the boys became more aware of their general appearance and behavior.

The girls have gotten involved in every aspect of the school: spiritual, academic and athletic.

The Ford girls have also taken over major positions in school activities, such as Editor-in-Chief of **Pagoda**, Editor-in-Chief of **Highpoint**, Vice-President of Student Council, lead roles in school plays, etc. The girls have also raised the academic standards of the school. The girls have proven themselves competent again and again.

This is just a token of our appreciation, girls, so keep up the good work!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: LIGUORI AND PARKINSON



Greg Liguori and Vanessa Parkinson.

by Pascale Bastien

It's four o'clock. In room 372 two students are discussing ideas with Mr. Kenneth Tom, Moderator of the National Honor Society. The two students are the N.H.S. President and Vice-President, Greg Liguori and Vanessa Parkinson.

Greg wanted to be president because it's a powerful club. He feels he can accomplish many things he has wanted to do for the past three years. Greg has an outstanding track record as a member of the Ford community. He is ranked second in the senior class;

he is a member of the Math League, the Student Council, and is a peer group leader. Greg hopes to go to the University of Pennsylvania and study bio-engineering after he graduates from Ford.

Vanessa, too, is a very active member of the Ford community. Besides being N.H.S. vice president, she is on the executive board of the Student Council, is on the P.I.C. teen staff, is a peer group leader, and has acted for the Drama Club. Vanessa plans to attend Princeton University where she will study architectural engineering.

P.I.C. A FRIEND

by Maribel Cruz
and Leyda Rabie

PIC (Personal Involvement with Christ) is more than a religious organization. It is a way to find a friend and be a friend. It provides a chance to learn and to share.

Its moderator, Mr. Frank Fusco, founded PIC in 1976 because he felt many teenagers had poor self-images and needed someone to talk to. Now PIC has approximately 500 members, including present students and alumni, and will celebrate its

25th PIC Weekend in April.

To join PIC you must participate in a weekend (one is held each month at Nazareth High School). The fee for a weekend is thirty-five dollars. Once you've joined you are a lifetime member and can participate in the annual toy drive and orphans' party, as well as this year's trips to Florida, a dude ranch, and a ski resort.

PIC is a terrific way to get to know God, yourself, and others. Anyone interested should contact Mr. Fusco in the PIC office near the chapel.

16 NEW FACULTY MEMBERS THIS YEAR



Our New Faculty Members, Left to Right, First Row: Nancy Mirsky, Rosemarie Marra, Cheryl Barsky, Connie Galdos, Finola Kennedy, Diane Geyer; Second Row: Frank Callery, Laureano Tamayo, Karen Smedley, Lorrain Sarnelle, Irene Fareri, Patricia Raffaniello Stephen J. McAteer; Third Row: Fr. Januarius Izzo, O.F.M., Joseph Harouni, Edward Andrews, Paul Anderson, Sr. Rose Marie Kiesla, R.G.S. Camera Shy: Fr. William Lewis, S.A., Sr. Maureen Therese McCarthy, C.S.J., John Sexton, Ralph Simonetti.

Faculty Focus: Sister Judine

by Anthony Mirro

In the guidance office there is a sign above the desk of Mrs. Cederoth which points the way to a new "Guidance Director." If you follow that sign you will find Sister Judine Cassidy, O.S.F. busy at work behind her desk.

Sister Judine grew up in Bozeman, Montana, and St. Cloud, Minnesota. She attended St. Mary's Cathedral Grammar School and St. Francis High School in Little Falls, Minnesota. After graduating from high school, Sister attended the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. There she received her master's degree in secondary school administration and a master's in counseling and guidance.

Sister's hobby is listening to classical music, and she

also enjoys boating; after all, she comes from the Land of a Thousand Lakes.

Sister Judine says she likes the friendliness of the students at Bishop Ford and also the warmth of the faculty with whom she works. She feels

JOHN BONHAM DIES

by Joseph Potter

On September 25, 1980, John "Bonzo" Bonham of Led Zeppelin died in London of undisclosed causes.

The story spread rapidly through rock circles, but it was not actually confirmed by Atlantic International Records, distributor of the group's own Swan Song label, until late in the afternoon of the twenty-fifth.

Led Zeppelin had scheduled a United States tour with stops in Philadelphia, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Maryland, but no stop in New York.

FALCONS' TOP 10

by Kathy Parke

According to the Ford students we polled, the following were the "Top Ten" choices among songs as we went to press:

1. Another One Bites the Dust (Queen)
2. New York, New York (Frank Sinatra)
3. Rock Lobster (B 52's)
4. The Wanderer (Donna Summer)
5. Sailing (Christopher Cross)
6. Renegade (Styx)
7. All Out of Love (Air Supply)
8. One In A Million You (Larry Graham)
9. Woman In Love (Barbra Streisand)
10. Emotional Rescue (Rolling Stones)

The following are the "Top Ten" albums:

1. The Game (Queen)
2. Diana (Diana Ross)
3. Emotional Rescue (Rolling Stones)
4. Panorama (The Cars)
5. Crimes of Passion (Pat Benatar)
6. Christopher Cross (Christopher Cross)
7. Fame (Soundtrack Album)
8. Glass Houses (Billy Joel)
9. Lost In Love (Air Supply)
10. Chipmunk Punk (The Chipmunks)

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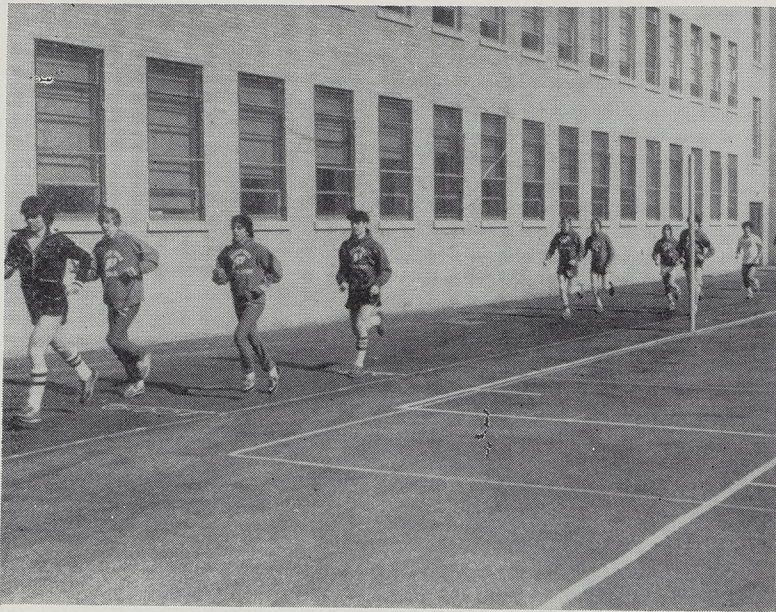
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Sister Judine Cassidy, O.S.F.

WESTLAKE CROSS COUNTRY OPENER



Track Team Working Out.

by Roger Menze

It was a brisk 50 degrees when the Bishop Ford Cross Country Track Team opened up their season on September 27 at the Westlake Invitational.

The varsity was led by Bill Kelly, who placed fourteenth in a field of one hundred fifty. Ford ran against twenty-one different teams and finished in sixth place.

Other runners for the varsity were Andy Dignam, Co-Captain Daniel O'Keefe, John Shammass, Thomas Burns, Co-Captain Frederick Rich, and Thomas Dignan. Mr. Fernandez feels that if the team keeps in shape they will place among the top teams in New York City.

The hard-running j.v. team consisted of Cliff Bowen, Ray McDonald, James Tully, William Leach, John McDonald, Edwin Rivera and Louis Sardella.

SPORTLIGHT:

WILLIAM KELLY

by Sharon Healy

This month the spotlight column focuses on William Kelly, a senior on the track team.

William Kelly is the first man on the varsity cross-country track team. He comes from our Lady of Angels parish. Billy has been running practically all his life, but has only been on a track team since his freshman year. He enjoys the extremely hard workouts required of runners and is thankful that he is able to do them. He hopes to make the top ten in the New York City Championships which will be held in November.

He plans to major in business management or aviation. He also plans to continue running.

As a hobby, Billy collects old running magazines. When asked how he spends his spare time, Billy said, "I hate to just hang out. I would rather be going somewhere or doing something." This statement is proved true. He is a presidential advisor, a peer group leader, and is involved in the activities committee.

Some advice Billy has for people who want to start running: "Unless you are willing to sacrifice time and are mentally tough, running is not for you." He also feels students should join extra-curricular activities. "There are many people at Ford who are willing to help you. You just have to ask for it."

SWIMMING/VOLLEYBALL PROMISE REWARDING YEAR

by James Cutrone

This year's freshman swimming team has its largest squad in four years, despite the 6:00 a.m. practice sessions four times a week.

The three top recruits this year are Joe Connaghan (St. Thomas Aquinas), Mike Kazmierczuk (St. Francis), and Matt Deodato (Holy Innocents).

Rounding out the squad are Anthony Vigilante, Rosemary Zadroga, Frank Perez, John McKenzie, Jack Wallace, Julio Laboy, Barbara Menze, Christopher Davis, Louie Hernandez, Joe Donofrio and Orlando Ross.

It is Coach Huchthausen's feeling that, "We should have a good season since we have fourteen swimmers; this gives us a lot of versatility."

The frosh season runs from October 5 through November 22 and the majority of the meets are held on Sundays at St. John's University.

by Mary Dopman

The girls' varsity volleyball team is out to recapture the St. Francis College Tournament Championships. They hope to rebound from their loss to Bishop Kearny in the playoffs. This hope is shared by each player and by their new coach, Miss Finola Kennedy.

The team, which is young, will have to battle the league's top contenders, Bishop Kearny, St. Saviour and Fontbonne Hall.

The club is lead by senior Susan Rail, juniors Faye Pura, Cathy Sweeney, Mary Dopman, Gena Barous, and sophomores Mary McEvoy, Almira Allen and Chona Fabian; each is returning from last year's championship team. Newcomers sophomore Linda DiMonda and freshmen Eileen Cole, Carol Dopman, Ann Maher and Rose Marie Mazzone will strengthen a team of hard spikers and consistent competitors.

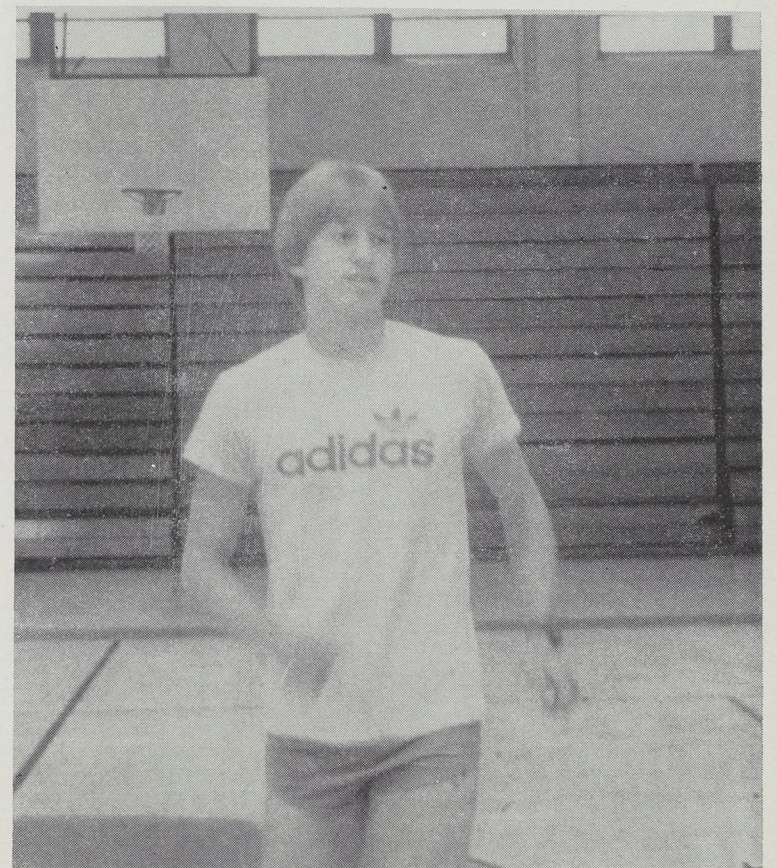
CORRIGAN SPARKS TEAM

by Ingrid Mihailovich and
Maureen McLoughlin

The 1980 girls' track team officially opened their cross country season by competing in the Westlake Invitational. The event was held on September 27 at Blue Mt. Reservation.

The varsity team was led by Regina Corrigan. Other members who competed included seniors Maureen McLoughlin and Ingrid Mihailovich, and sophomores Maura Mahon, Patty O'Connor and Madeline Pagano.

The freshmen team was led by Noreen Maloney, Barbara Menze, Maureen Powell, Maria Gammichia, Donna Homan, Maria Patruno, and Diana Williams. Other members of the team include Virginia Corsino and Manager Ann Marie Eppidico.



William Kelly.

FORD WHIPS XAVERIAN 6-0; LORQUET NETS 5

by Joe Frega

On September 22, 1980 the Bishop Ford Falcons opened their third soccer season in awesome style. Led by the dexterous legs of James Lorquet, who scored a school record of five goals, and superb goal tending by Vito Palazzo, Ford crushed arch-rival Xaverian, 6-0. Ford's record amounted to 2-0 when Harold Kaura's overtime blast enabled Ford to nip Nazareth in a 1-0 thriller.

The Falcons, with this impressive start, seem to be picking up where they left off in '79. Although 6-6, the club recorded three wins, one loss, and one tie over their final five games. Thus, the team missed post-season play by one point. Now, after tasting the sweet wine of victory, Ford is thirsty for a title in 1980.

Salvatore Rapaglia is the man who will try to engineer a group of young resolute stars into champions. Under his adept coaching, the club practices long, tiring hours to

prepare for each confrontation. Drills revolve around the game's basics.

Fundamentals like this are necessary in the game; they require both great concentration and coordination of one's body.

Offensively Ford is well-armed with several explosive weapons, including Harold Kaura, Santo Scorcio, Vito Palazzo and, combined with a defense led by John Geraci, Tony Angilletta, Lincoln Burton and Captain Dominic Monopoli, Ford has a one-two knockout punch. In the net Vito Palazzo and Vinny Belcastro display feats of goal tending that keep the opposition at bay.

"The team looks strong and we all feel good about this year; this feeling could take us to the playoffs," according to Dom Monopoli. Finally, after years of frustration, soccer has arrived at Ford. The past dream of becoming champions in 1978 may become a reality in the '80-'81 season.

LET'S GO FALCONS

by Liz O'Keefe

Who screams for their team? The Bishop Ford Cheerleaders, that's who! This year there will be two cheerleading squads, a varsity and a junior varsity. The purpose of the latter is to attract larger crowds to the junior varsity games.

Miss Fasano, coordinator of both squads, was asked what she looked for in a cheerleader. She felt that coordination, personal appearance, and an energetic personality were the main requirements.

There are two co-captains on the varsity team, Deborah Onesto, who has been with the squad since freshman year, and Maria Rollo, also a four-year veteran. Maria choreographs the dance routines. Deborah, when asked why she kept coming back year after year, replied: "Because the unity of the team makes you want to come back."



Anthony Conaghan Takes Charge of Ball.